

(c) The services in the rural areas of Maharashtra particularly in Konkan is satisfactory. The development plan for the Konkan area is as below:

Name of SSAs	Parameters	Target	Achievement* (upto 31.1.2001)
Raigad	DELs (rural)	5414	5669
	Rural Exchanges	15	16
Ratnagiri	DELs (Rural)	3212	3750
	Rural Exchanges	31	27
Sindhudurg	DELs (Rural)	2121	747
	Rural Exchanges	10	10

Telephone facilities to Gram Panchayats in Gujarat

594. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Gram Panchayats in Gujarat;
- (b) the number of Gram Panchayats to whom telephone facilities have been provided; and
- (c) the time by which telephone facility will be provided to the remaining Gram Panchayats?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) 12,419 Gram Panchayats out of 13,510 in Gujarat have been provided with telecom facility;

(c) All the remaining Gram Panchayats in Gujarat are proposed to be provided with telecom facility by Fixed Service Provider by March, 2002.